

**Chambers of District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer**

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**Rebecca R. Pallmeyer**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Valparaiso 1976 BA; Chicago 1979 JD  
Began Service: October 21, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty Member, Loyola University School of Law  
**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Rosalie E. Wahl, Minnesota Supreme Court (1979-1980)  
**Judicial:** Administrative Law Judge, Illinois Human Rights Commission (1985-1991); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1991-1998)  
**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hopkins & Sutter (1980-1985)  
**Current Memberships:** Chicago Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Women's Bar Association of Illinois

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**Matthew F. Kennelly**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Notre Dame 1978 BA; Harvard 1981 JD  
Began Service: June 22, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Member of the Board of Directors, Lawyers Committee for Better Housing, Inc. (1984-1999)  
**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Prentice H. Marshall, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1982-1984)  
**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hedlund, Hunter & Lynch (1981-1982); Associate, Cottrillos, Stephenson, Tighe & Streicker, Ltd. (1984-1989); Partner, Cottrillos, Stephenson, Tighe & Streicker, Ltd. (1989-1999)  
**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; Chicago Inn of Court

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**William J. Hibbler**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Illinois (Chicago) 1969 BS; DePaul 1973 JD  
Began Service: April 15, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Felony Trial Supervisor, Office of the State Attorney, County of Cook, Illinois (1985-1986)  
**Judicial:** Assistant Supervising Judge, Chicago Traffic Court (1986-1987); Felony Trial Judge, Criminal Division, Cook County Circuit Court (1988-1995); Presiding Judge, Juvenile Justice Division, Circuit Court of Cook County (1995-1999)  
**Legal Practice:** Partner, Belmonte, Kagan, Hibbler & DePalma (1977-1981)  
**Current Memberships:** Chicago Bar Association, Member, Board of Managers; Cook County Bar Association; Illinois Judges Association; Illinois Judicial Council; Illinois State Bar Association; Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Law and Probation

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**Ronald A. Guzman**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Lehigh 1970 BA; NYU 1973 JD  
Began Service: November 16, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Assistant States Attorney, County of Cook, Illinois (1975-1980); Staff Attorney (Part-time), Association House of Chicago (1980-1984)  
**Judicial:** U.S. Magistrate, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1990-1999)  
**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1973-1974); Private Practice (1980-1990)

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**Joan Humphrey Lefkow**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1965 AB;  
Northwestern 1971 JD  
Began Service: September 1, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Instructor, University of Miami Law School (1980-1981)  
**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas E. Fairchild, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (1972-1973)  
**Government:** Attorney, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago (1972-1975); Administrative Law Judge, Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission (1975-1977); Chief Administrative Law Judge, Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission (1977-1979); Executive Director, Cook County Legal Assistance Foundation (1981-1982)  
**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1982-1997); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1997-2000)  
**Current Memberships:** Chicago Bar Association; Chicago Council of Lawyers; National Association of Women Judges; Seventh Circuit Bar Association

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**John W. Darrah**  
District Judge

Education: Loyola (Chicago) 1965 BS, 1969 JD  
Began Service: September 1, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Northern Illinois University; Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy; Adjunct Professor, John Marshall Law School  
**Government:** Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, State of Illinois (1973-1976); Deputy Public Defender (part-time), Office of the Public Defender, County of DuPage, Illinois (1971-1973); Attorney Advisor, Federal Trade Commission (1969-1971); President, DuPage American Inns of Court; President, DuPage County Bar Association; Public Guardian, County of DuPage, Illinois; Public Administrator, County of DuPage, Illinois  
**Judicial:** Judge, 18th Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois (1986-2000)  
**Legal Practice:** Partner, Cox, Lyle & Darrah (1971-1973); Partner, Ryan & Darrah (1976-1981); Partner, Ryan, Darrah & Stringini (1981-1984); Sole Practitioner (1984-1986)

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**Amy J. St. Eve**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: November 20, 1965  
Education: Cornell 1987 BA, 1990 JD  
Began Service: August 30, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Corporate:** Senior Counsel, Abbott Laboratories (2001-2002)  
**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1996-2001); Associate Independent Counsel, Whitewater Independent Counsel, City of Little Rock, Arkansas (1994-1996)  
**Legal Practice:** Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell (1990-1994)

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**Samuel Der-Yeghiayan**  
District Judge

Began Service: August 4, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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**Mark Filip**  
District Judge